

Corporate Creations Network Inc.

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1.	Entity Served:	Nordstrom, Inc.		
2.	Title of Action:	Derek Van vs. Nordstrom, Inc.		
3.	Document(s) Served:	Summons Complaint at Law Affidavit Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 222 Civil Action Cover Sheet		
4.	Court/Agency:	Cook County Circuit Court		
5.	State Served:	Illinois		
6.	Case Number:	2021L005613		
7.	Case Type:	Other Personal Injury / Wrongful Death / Premises Liability		
8.	Method of Service:	Hand Delivered		
9.	Date Received:	Wednesday 06/16/2021		
10.	Date to Client:	Thursday 06/17/2021		
11.	# Days When Answer Due: Answer Due Date:	30 Friday 07/16/2021  Caution: Client is solely responsible for verifying the accuracy of the estimated Answer Due Date. To avoid missing a crucial deadline, we recommend immediately confirming in writing with opposing counsel that the date of the service in their records matches the Date Received.		
12.	Sop Sender: (Name, City, State, and Phone Number)	Libersher Law Office LLC Chicago, IL 312-585-7268		
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16.	Notes:	None.		

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## In The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois County Department, Law Division

Derek Van,	)
Plaintiff,	) Case No. 2021L005613
VS.	) Please Serve:
	) Nordstrom, Inc.
Nordstrom, Inc.,	) Care of Registered Agent:
	) Corporate Creations Network
	) 350 S. Northwest Highway, #300
Defendants.	) Park Ridge, IL 60068
	)

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YOU ARE SUMMONED and required to file an answer to the complaint in this case, a copy of which is hereto attached, or otherwise file your appearance and pay the required fee within thirty (30)days after service of this Summons, not counting the day of service. To file your answer or appearance you need access to the internet. Please visit www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org to initiate this process. Kiosks with internet access are available at all Clerk's Office locations. Please refer to the last page of this document for location information.

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#### Complaint At Law

#### Count I - Common Law Negligence

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, Derek Van, by and through his attorney, Libersher Law Office, and complains of the Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., as follows:

- On June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., was a
  corporation located and doing business in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and State
  of Illinois.
- 2. On June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, the Plaintiff, Derek Van, was a resident of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
- 3. On June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., was the owner, possessor, operator, manager, maintainer, and controller, of the premises located at 55 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.
- 4. On June 25, 2019, Derek Van, worked for DHL as a delivery driver and was making a delivery at 55 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, which was owned, possessed, operated, managed, maintained, and controlled by the Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc.
- 5. On June 25, 2019, the Plaintiff, Derek Van, was lawfully on said premises, while making said delivery at 55 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

- 6. That on June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., owed Plaintiff, and others a duty to exercise reasonable care in the ownership, possession, operation, management, maintenance, and control of said premises for the safety of those lawfully on their property and to make inspection or repairs of their property in a reasonable and correct manner.
- 7. That on June 25, 2019, while Plaintiff, Derek Van, was making said delivery at said premises in a loading dock area, a guardrail was missing causing an unsafe condition wherein, the Plaintiff fell off a raised loading dock injuring himself.
- 8. That on June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, Defendant, Nordstrom, breached aforesaid duty in the following ways:
  - a. Carelessly and negligently failed to use guardrails on a raised loading dock area;
  - b. Carelessly and negligently removed guardrails on a raised loading dock area;
  - c. Carelessly and negligently allowed a raised loading dock area to be used by delivery persons with missing guardrails;
  - d. Carelessly and negligently failed to instruct its agents, employees, or servants in proper safety procedures for the use of guardrails while delivery persons were present in the raised loading dock area;
  - e. Carelessly and negligently failed to properly maintain and/or repair guardrails in the raised loading dock area;
  - f. Carelessly and negligently failed to properly and adequately secure guardrails to raised loading dock area so that individuals, including the

plaintiff, would not fall off the raised loading dock area during normal use;

- g. Carelessly and negligently failed to remove said unreasonably dangerous condition upon the property by having guardrails present in the raised loading dock area;
- h. Carelessly and negligently failed to take precautions to protect persons lawfully on the property from said unreasonably dangerous condition, which was the missing guardrails in the raised loading dock area;
- i. Carelessly and negligently failed to warn persons lawfully on the property about said unreasonably dangerous condition, which was the missing guardrails in the loading dock area;
- j. Carelessly and negligently failed to adequately and properly maintain the raised loading dock area in a safe condition by using guardrails;
- k. Carelessly and negligently failed to barricade or block off said raised loading dock area where guardrails were missing, and thus exposing
   Plaintiff and others to the dangerous condition.
- 1. Carelessly and negligently inspected and controlled the unreasonably dangerous condition of a raised loading dock area with missing guardrails despite voluntarily undertaking the duty to do so, such that the unreasonably dangerous condition on the day in question was not reasonably discovered and was allowed to exist and continue for some time prior to the plaintiff's fall; and

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- m. Was otherwise careless and negligent in the ownership and maintenance of said premises.
- 9. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing negligent acts and/or omissions of Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., Plaintiff fell from a raised loading dock area, causing bodily injury.
- 10. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., the Plaintiff, Derek Van, suffered serious and permanent bodily injuries that caused him to suffer pain, discomfort, mental anguish, disfigurement, disability, and loss of a normal life and are reasonably certain to cause him to suffer pain, discomfort, mental anguish, disfigurement, disability, and loss of a normal life in the future; Plaintiff has lost earnings and benefits and is reasonably certain to lose earnings and benefits in the future; and Plaintiff has incurred medical, nursing, and hospital expenses, and is reasonably certain to incur medical, nursing, and hospital expenses in the future.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Derek Van, demands judgment against the Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., in a dollar amount in excess of the jurisdictional requirements of this court and such additional amounts as the jury and the Court shall deem proper, and additionally, the costs of said suit.

#### Count II - Premise Liability Act

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, Kris Lenzo, by and through his attorney, Libersher Law Office, and complains of the Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., as follows:

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- 2. On June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, the Plaintiff, Derek Van, was a resident of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
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- 5. On June 25, 2019, the Plaintiff, Derek Van, was lawfully on said premises, while making said delivery at 55 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.
- 6. On June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, there was in existence in the State of Illinois the Premises Liability Act, 740 ILCS 130 et seq.
- 7. On June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, pursuant to said Act, the Defendant owed Plaintiff a duty of reasonable care regarding the state of their premises.
- 8. On June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff, Derek Van, was not a trespasser and was lawfully on Defendant's property.
- 9. On June 25, 2019, there existed on Defendant's property a dangerous condition, which was a unreasonably dangerous missing guardrail on the raised loading dock area of the Defendant's premises.
- 10. On June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, there existed a duty upon Defendant to properly own, possess, operate, manage, maintain, and control said loading dock and guardrail in a reasonably safe condition for the use of those lawfully on the property, and to discover and repair any defects in said loading dock and guardrail.

- 11. On June 25, 2019, Defendant either knew or should have known, of the risk of failing to have guardrails on the raised loading dock and knew or should have known that injury due to the lack of guardrails was foreseeable and likely.
- 12. On June 25, 2019, Defendant should have known that there was a reasonable likelihood that delivery persons, including the Plaintiff, would not discover or realize the missing guardrail, or would fail to protect themselves against it.
- 13. The burden against guarding against such a foreseeable and likely injury in this case was minimal to the Defendant.
- 14. The consequences of placing any burden on the Defendant in this case was extremely slight.
- 15. Despite the above, the Defendant failed to exercise reasonable care to protect Plaintiff against said unreasonable danger.
- 16. That on June 25, 2019, while Plaintiff, Derek Van, was making said delivery at said premises in a loading dock area, a guardrail was missing causing an unsafe condition wherein, the Plaintiff fell off a raised loading dock injuring himself.
- 17. That on June 25, 2019, and at all times relevant hereto, Defendant, Nordstrom, breached aforesaid duty in the following ways:
  - a. Failed to use guardrails on a raised loading dock area;
  - b. Removed guardrails on a raised loading dock area;
  - c. Allowed a raised loading dock area to be used by delivery persons with missing guardrails;

- d. Failed to instruct its agents, employees, or servants in proper safety procedures for the use of guardrails while delivery persons were present in the raised loading dock area;
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- g. Failed to remove said unreasonably dangerous condition upon the property by having guardrails present in the raised loading dock area;
- h. Failed to take precautions to protect persons lawfully on the property from said unreasonably dangerous condition, which was the missing guardrails in the raised loading dock area;
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- j. Failed to adequately and properly maintain the raised loading dock area in
   a safe condition by using guardrails;
- k. Failed to barricade or block off said raised loading dock area where guardrails were missing, and thus exposing Plaintiff and others to the dangerous condition.
- Failed to adequately and properly inspect and control the unreasonably dangerous condition of a raised loading dock area with missing guardrails

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despite voluntarily undertaking the duty to do so, such that the unreasonably dangerous condition on the day in question was not reasonably discovered and was allowed to exist and continue for some time prior to the plaintiff's fall; and

- 18. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing negligent acts and/or omissions of Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., Plaintiff fell from the raised loading dock area, causing bodily injury.
- 19. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, Nordstrom, Inc., the Plaintiff, Derek Van, suffered serious and permanent bodily injuries that caused him to suffer pain, discomfort, mental anguish, disfigurement, disability, and loss of a normal life and are reasonably certain to cause him to suffer pain, discomfort, mental anguish, disfigurement, disability, and loss of a normal life in the future; Plaintiff has lost earnings and benefits and is reasonably certain to lose earnings and benefits in the future; and Plaintiff has incurred medical, nursing, and hospital expenses, and is reasonably certain to incur medical, nursing, and hospital expenses in the future.

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Nordstrom, Inc.		)	
	Defendant.	)	

### Affidavit Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 222

I, Scot R. Libersher, attorney for the Plaintiff, states that the amount of money damages sought exceeds \$50,000.00.

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Attorney for the Plaintiff

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□ 047 Asbestos	□ 002 Breach of Contract
□ 048 Dram Shop	☐ 070 Professional Malpractice
□ 049 Product Liability	(other than legal or medical)
□ 051 Construction Injuries	□ 071 Fraud (other than legal or medical)
(including Structural Work Act, Road	☐ 072 Consumer Fraud
Construction Injuries Act and negligence)  □ 052 Railroad/FELA	☐ 073 Breach of Warranty
☐ 053 Pediatric Lead Exposure	□ 074 Statutory Action
■ 061 Other Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	(Please specify below.**)
063 Intentional Tort	☐ 075 Other Commercial Litigation
☐ 064 Miscellaneous Statutory Action	(Please specify below.**)
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■ 065 Premises Liability	
□ 078 Fen-phen/Redux Litigation	OTHER ACTIONS
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